



**AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON  
DISABILITIES**

**KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION  
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET. ROOM 374A**

**Wednesday, March 16, 2011**

**1:00 PM**

**ROLL CALL**

Present: President Neal, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Troost, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President James, Treasurer Teran, Commissioner Gureckas, Commissioner Miller and Commissioner Mustelier-Parrish

Excused: Commissioner Welt Narro, Commissioner Rubenstein, Commissioner Weller, Commissioner Wright and Commissioner Chang

The meeting was called to order by President Neal at 1:17 p.m.

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER**

1. Recommendation to approve the 2011 Access Awards Luncheon to be held October 17, 2011 at the Kyoto Grand Hotel in the amount not to exceed \$17,800. (11-1202)

**Commissioner Miller requested clarification about the budgeted amount. Rhonda Rangel, Commission Staff, reported the hotel has provided the Commission the same price as previous years. However, if there is a change to the amount, this item will be placed on a future agenda for approval.**

**On motion of Commissioner Gureckas, seconded by Commissioner Troost, this item was approved.**

***Attachments:***      [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

2. Approval of minutes from the regular meeting of February 16, 2011. (11-1210)

**President Neal noted her adjournment from the meeting of February 16, 2011 for Sherry Gamson was not included in the meeting minutes.**

**After discussion, on motion of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Troost, seconded by Commissioner Teran, the item was approved as amended with the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 6 - President Neal, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Troost, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President James, Treasurer Teran, Commissioner Gureckas and Commissioner Mustelier-Parrish

**Abstention:** 1 - Commissioner Miller

**Excused:** 5 - Commissioner Welt Narro, Commissioner Rubenstein, Commissioner Weller, Commissioner Wright and Commissioner Chang

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## **II. REPORTS**

3. President's report as submitted for the month of March. (11-1204)

**President Neal presented Jeann Young with a Certificate of Appreciation for her work with the Commission. Ms. Young**

has been the Commission photographer at the Access Awards Luncheon. Ms. Young thanked President Neal and the Commission for their sincere appreciation.

President Neal reported the City of Los Angeles Department on Disability may soon be eliminated. Mr. Ralph Acuña from the City of Los Angeles Department on Disability reported the following: On Tuesday, March 8, 2011 and Monday, March 14, 2011, the City Administrative Officer (CAO) and the Mayor's Office held budget conferences with the Department on Disability, informing the Department that it will be eliminated. The effective date for the elimination has not been provided, but the process is expected to be completed by July 1, 2011. The Commission on Disability will be transferred to the City's Community Development Department (CDD). Mr. Acuña further stated there will be a meeting scheduled on March 23, 2011, on the elimination of the Department to be heard before the full City Council at the City Hall, Council Chambers. President Neal requested Mr. Acuña to provide the Commission with an update at a future date.

Commissioner Troost requested a letter be sent on behalf of the Commission to the Board of Supervisors noting the concerns of the negative impact of the closure of City of Los Angeles Department on Disability.

Mr. Acuña answered several questions posed by the Commission. After discussion, his verbal report was received and filed.

**4.** Events Committee report for the month of March 2011. (11-1244)

President Neal shared a letter of complaint that she received. The complaint is towards the City of Los Angeles Police Department. However, since the complaint is for the City of Los Angeles and the Commission has no jurisdiction over the City, the letter will be

forwarded with a cover letter to the City Department on Disability. In addition, a response from the City will be requested. The Committee also discussed potential nominees and reviewed the timeline for the scholarship program. The Committee also voted to change the name of the scholarship to the Bernard Siegel/Bill Tainter Scholarship Program. This item will be placed on a Commission future agenda for approval once the application is revised. Angela Davis has been invited to the radio station to discuss the changes to the ADA particularly service animals, wheelchairs, and segways. President Neal requested that "Safe Harbors" be placed on the May or June, 2011 Commission Agenda.

After discussion, her verbal report was received and filed.

5. Community Service Committee Report for the month of March 2011. (11-1245)

**This item was continued to the meeting of April 20, 2011.**

6. Transportation Committee Report including discussion of paratransit complaints. (11-1212)

**This item was taken off calendar. No reportable action.**

7. Monthly Access Services Report by Giovanna Gogreve, Operations Analyst of Access Services or a representative from Access Services. (11-0820)

**Giovanna Gogreve reported that Access Services will hold their 16th Annual Membership Meeting scheduled for March 31, 2011 at the California Endowment Center. The Special Guest speaker will be Mark Aesch, CEO, Rochester Genesee, Regional Transportation Authority. Ms. Gogreve extended an invitation to the Commission. Mr. Louis Burns reported that he is still looking**

into the Access vehicle parked illegally. He also mentioned that he will be going out in the field conducting community work. In addition, he also mentioned that his new assignment will consist of working with staff to better assist the public following guidelines and policies currently in place with Access Services.

After discussion, his verbal report was received and filed.

8. Report by Chip Hazen, ADA Compliance Officer for Los Angeles County Transportation Authority (METRO) or a METRO representative. (Continued from the meetings of January 19 and February 16, 2011.) (11-0475)

This item was continued to the meeting of April 20, 2011.

Report on Access Board meeting attended by Kurt Hagen, Commission on Disabilities appointed as Access Board representative. (11-1206)

9. Mr. Hagen gave an overview of the Access Board of Director's meeting held March 16, 2011. Mr. Hagen reported the level of complaints are down due to cultural shift Access Services is currently under going.

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10. Report by Office of Affirmative Action and Compliance. (11-1208)

Ms. Angela Davis provided an update on the Hall of Administration ramp dedication to the Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr. Ms. Davis reported the Office of Affirmative Action (OAAC) is trying with every effort to attempt to expedite this process. However, OAAC was unable

to get final approval from the Board of Supervisors to expedite this matter due to the Civic Center Park project currently in progress at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration.

The Commission has made Office of Affirmative Action (OAAC) aware of two constituent complaints alleging ineffective communication for persons who are deaf or hard-of-hearing. The mentioned matters were addressed as follows: OAAC contacted and provided the constituent an Informal Complaint form. Upon submission of the informal complaint, OAAC contacted Community and Senior Services to inform them of the complaint and developed a plan of action. The second complaint, a constituent was having difficulty in obtaining captioning services at the Superior Court. OAAC has not been contacted by the constituent nor have been provided contact information for the constituent.

After discussion, her report was received and filed.

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11. Report on letter sent to the Office of Affirmative Action on the ADA requirements of man-made barriers such as the timing element of elevator doors. (11-0946)

Ms. Angela Davis reported that Commissioner Teran submitted an informal complaint to Office of Affirmative Action Compliance (OAAC) alleging the timing of the elevator doors in the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration were not in compliance with ADA standards. Ms. Davis reported that her complaint was submitted to the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors and ADA Coordinator to look into the problem. The problem was assessed and the elevator door closure timing was fixed.

Her verbal report was received and filed.

## VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

**Matters Not Posted**

12. Items not posted on the agenda, to be presented and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Commission.

No items were presented to be placed on a future agenda.

13. **Public Comment**

Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission.  
(11-1213)

**Daniel Garcia addressed the Commission. Robert Coto requested the Commission to look into self-defense training information for people with disabilities.**

14. **Adjournment**

Adjournment for the meeting of March 16, 2011. (11-1214)

**The meeting of March 16, 2011 adjourned at 2:38 p.m. in memory of Herman Williams and Japan's earthquake and Pacific tsunami.**